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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2001/881, S/2001/882 and S/2001/883)

Other matters

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	224th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1); *item 65* (A/56/347); *item 66* (A/56/29) (Supplement); *item 69* (A/56/164); *item 71* (A/56/187); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1; *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/42); *item 78* (A/56/163); *item 79* (A/56/153):

Myanmar

Peru

Colombia

Bangladesh

Uruguay

Algeria

China

Brazil

Mongolia

Malta

Argentina

Mali

Islamic Republic of Iran

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/56/2 and Add.1, A/C.4/56/3 and Add.1-7 and A/C.4/56/4)

2. General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapters VI, IX-XI, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/56/1 and Corr.1, A/56/159, S/2001/148, S/2001/398, S/2001/613; *item 91* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter VIII, A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (A), A/56/67; *item 92* (A/56/23 (Part II), chapter V), A/56/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (B)); *item 93* (A/56/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/56/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/56/65, A/C.4/56/CRP.1); *item 94* (A/56/88)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27] (A/56/140)

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108] (A/56/3, A/56/57-E/2001/5, A/56/73-E/2001/68 and Add.1*, A/56/114-E/2001/93 and Add.1, A/56/169, A/56/180, A/56/288, E/2001/104, A/C.3/56/L.2, A/C.3/56/L.3)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109] (A/56/152)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Joint Inspection Unit [128] (A/56/34 and Corr.1, A/56/84, A/56/135 and A/56/356)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

Private management consulting firms (A/54/702 and A/55/979)

Common services (A/55/856 and Add.1, A/56/7 (Chapter I, Section E, 14, paragraph 124) and A/56/417)

Management of buildings (A/56/274 and Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly (A/56/437)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly (A/55/928 and A/56/437))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161] (A/56/17 and A/56/315)

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167] (A/55/637)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167] (A/55/637)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session: United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and membership of the Investments Committee

2. Executive session: United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council [item 1]

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [13 (k)] (A/56/127-E/2001/101)

International cooperation on tax matters [13 (m)]

Report of the Committee for Development planning [13 (a)] (E/2001/33).

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The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will be held *today*, 9 October 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 9 October 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 100: International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 109 : Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on *today*, 9 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *today*, 9 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 10th and 11th meetings on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935)).

Background information on item 105 (Globalization and interdependence) is available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/globalization.pdf). Hard copies can also be picked up at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1419B).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The 259th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The resumed third session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development will be held from 15 to 19 October 2001. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 15 October, in Conference Room 2. The annotated agenda is contained in document A/AC.257/21 and the organization of work will be issued as document A/AC.257/L.7.

Delegations are requested to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Vivian Pliner-Josephs (room S-2950E; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Background information on the preparatory process for the International Conference and the work of the Preparatory Committee is available on the financing for development Web site (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 98: Environment and sustainable development)* on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 11 October 2001, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G on "Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures" on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 12 noon in Conference Room C. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Colombia, on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures" (item 74 (h)), organized by the delegation of Germany, will take place on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Risk and Vulnerability: Implementing a Forward-looking Approach for Social Protection", organized by the World Bank, on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Mr. Robert Holzmann, World Bank Protection Director. For further information and registration, please contact the office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for interested delegations on "The United Nations Mine Action Strategy for 2001-2005 and the United Nations Information Management Policy for Mine Action" on Wednesday, 10 October 2001, from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing will be given by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, acting in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations Inter-agency Coordination Group on Mine Action. Representatives from the main United Nations entities involved in mine action will also be present. Copies of the two documents can be obtained on the Internet (http://mineaction.org/highlights/highlights.cfm) or from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), FF Building (3rd floor) (304 East 45th Street). For further information, please call (212) 963-1357.

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Informal meeting

There will be a consultation with members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on "Rapid Deployment and Strategic Deployment Stocks" on Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Two letters on this subject, including an information note and materials, were sent to all the members of the Special Committee. For further information, please contact Ms. Michiko Kuroda (room S-3630C; tel.: (212) 963-5440; e-mail: kuroda@un.org).

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2002) on Thursday, 11 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations University (UNU) are jointly organizing a workshop on "The Conference of the Parties (seventh session) and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations", as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 10 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 or 9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 8 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

23rd plenary meeting

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Guinea and the Syrian Arab Republic were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.

Since one seat remained to be filled from among the Latin American and Caribbean States, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting restricted to the two countries that had obtained the largest number of votes in the first round of balloting, namely the Dominican Republic (60) and Mexico (116).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Dominican Republic	40
Mexico	138

On the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Mexico was elected a member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2002.

The following five States were thus elected members of the Security Council for a two year term beginning on 1 January 2002: Bulgaria, Cameroon, Guinea, Mexico and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Mexico, Ukraine, South Africa (on behalf of the partners countries of the New Agenda Initiative), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guatemala, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Jordan and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 91, 92, 93 and 12 and 94

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/56/23 (Parts II to III)).

The Chairman of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Committee began its general debate with statements from the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), South Africa, Cuba, the Russian Federation, India, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Malaysia (on behalf of the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Tunisia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Uruguay (on behalf of the member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) as well as Bolivia and Chile).

A statement in exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Requests for hearing

The Chairman drew attention to aide-mémoire 1/01 containing requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar, Western Sahara and the small Territories.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Committee also decided that the deadline to submit further requests for hearing would be Tuesday, 9 October, at 12 noon; these would be processed as documents to be considered at the next meeting.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft resolutions/proposals on decolonization and related agenda items was 6 p.m. Friday, 12 October.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of a communication received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided not to hold plenary meetings during the duration of the general debate in the General Assembly from 10 through 16 November 2001.

On the proposal by the Chairman and after consultations with delegations concerned, the Committee decided to maintain the present programme of work.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to document A/C.4/56/INF/1 which contained the documents before the Fourth Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

The Committee began its joint consideration of these items.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Botswana (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Cuba, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia and the Dominican Republic.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

Upon the proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided to continue its work during the week of 10 November, concurrently with the general debate in plenary, on the understanding that no action on any proposal would be taken by the Committee during that time.

Also on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to regularize its procedures for taking action on draft proposals by assigning part of one day each week (3 p.m. every Thursday) for that purpose.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama, introduced the reports of the Unit (A/56/34 and Corr.1, A/56/84 and A/56/356).

The Chief of the Oversight Support Unit of the Department of Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/135).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

The Committee began its joint consideration of these agenda items.

Management of buildings

Inspector Francesco Mezzalama of the Joint Inspector Unit introduced the report of that Unit entitled "Management of buildings: practices of selected United Nations system organizations relevant to the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters" (A/56/274).

The Director of the Facilities and Commercial Services Division of the Office of Central Support Services introduced the comments of the Secretary-General (A/56/274/Add.1).

Common services

Inspector Sumihiro Kuyama, Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, introduced the report of that Unit entitled "United Nations system common services at Geneva, part II: Case studies" (A/55/856).

The Principal Inter-Agency Officer of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Secretariat introduced the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/55/856/Add.1) and introduced the report of the Secretary-General in document A/56/417.

The comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were contained in document A/56/7.

Private management consulting firms

Inspector Fatih Bouayad-Agha of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced the report of that Unit entitled "Policies and practices in the use of the services of private management consulting firms in the organizations of the United Nations system" (A/54/702).

The Principal Inter-Agency Officer of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Secretariat introduced the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon (A/55/979).

General discussion

Statements on the above reports were made by the representatives of Belgium (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Japan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission, in particular those who are elected by the General Assembly

The Committee began its consideration of this question.

The Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/437).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 2nd and 3rd meetings

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of the Bureau

The Committee elected Mr. Siddig M. Abdalla (Sudan), Mr. Zolt Hetesy (Hungary) and Mr. Alexander Marschik (Austria) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Mahmoud M. Al-Naman (Saudi Arabia) as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/56/L.1.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 51/210 and 55/158, the Committee reestablished a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established pursuant to resolution 51/210 and reelected Mr. Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka) to chair it. The Committee decided that the Working Group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to States Members of the United Nations, or members of specialised agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law introduced the report on the work of its thirty-fourth session.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), India, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), France, China, Canada, Belarus, Singapore, Austria, the United Kingdom, Mali, Kenya, Cyprus and Mexico.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee also spoke.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2001

741st meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Paraguay (CRC/C/65/Add.12).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

742nd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations.

Methods of work of the Committee [7]

The Committee considered the item.

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
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3rd meeting

Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue sessions [11]

The President made an opening statement.

The Executive Secretary of the secretariat for the Convention made a statement.

The representative of Enda TM introduced the theme.

Presentations were made by the representatives of the University Institute of Development Studies of Geneva; Swissaid; the Uganda Tree Planting Movement; YFA; Benin; and UNDP-GEF.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, Senegal, the Niger, Myanmar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Kenya, Norway, India, Nepal and Nigeria.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization of African Unity.

The President made concluding remarks.

4th meeting

The Conference heard a statement by the representative of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported on the work of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Contact Group on the review of the implementation of the Convention reported on the work of the Contact Group.

The Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology reported on the work of the Committee.

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts reported on the work of the Group and introduced a draft decision on the questions of implementation, arbitration and conciliation procedures.

Following statements by the representatives of Mauritania, China, Benin, the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt (on behalf of the Arab Group), Argentina, the United States (on behalf of JUSCANZ) and the United Kingdom, the Conference adopted, *ad referendum*, the draft decision presented by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts.

Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers [5]

The Conference resumed its consideration of the item and decided to accredit the additional non-governmental organizations listed in the annex to document ICCD/COP(5)/9/Add.1.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5th meeting

Review of the implementation of the Convention and of its institutional arrangements [7]

(f) Review of the reports of the secretariat and the Global Mechanism on their role and results obtained in facilitating consultative processes for negotiating and concluding partnership agreements based on national, subregional and regional action programmes

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 7 (f) and heard an introductory statement by the Managing Director for the Global Mechanism.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Chile and China.

The meeting was then suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item 7 (f) and heard statements by the representatives of Mauritania, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Morocco and Benin (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The representative of Benin made a statement in connection with a point of order.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and the Arab Center for the Study of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), accreditded intergovernmental organizations.

The Managing Director for the Global Mechanism responded to questions raised.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Canada, the United States and Benin.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY 7th meeting

Adoption of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.8 (Programme of work of the Committee on Science and Technology).

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Nigeria, the United States and France.

The Committee adopted the draft decision, as amended.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.9 (Programme of work for the Group of Experts).

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, the United States, Switzerland, Canada, Morocco, Norway, Eritrea, France, Nigeria, Mozambique and the Niger.

A statement was also made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee adopted the draft decision, as amended.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.10 (Benchmarks and indicators).

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Argentina, Germany, Mexico, Senegal, the Niger, the United States, Tunisia, Turkey and Canada.

A statement was made by the representative of RIOD (a non-governmental organization).

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision ICCD/COP(5)/L.7 (Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology).

A statement was made by the representative of the secretariat on amendments introduced by the representative of Norway.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Canada, Jordan and France.

A statement was made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee adopted the draft decision, as amended.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (4 October 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Yugoslavia (8 October 2001)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Yugoslavia (8 October 2001)

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Ratification: Uganda (5 October 2001)*

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